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Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide interim relief to the workers under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS);

(b) the number of persons benefited under TWRFS in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh till date; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the said scheme more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): Government of India introduced the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) with effect from 15.09.1986 to provide relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of Non-SSI Textile Mills in private sector. Under the scheme, relief is given to workers rendered jobless, for a period of three years on a tapering basis, that is, wages equivalent to 75% in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year. So far, Rs.32297.49 lakhs have been disbursed to 1,19,704 eligible workers of 96 eligible closed mills.

(b): The number of persons also benefited and the amount disbursed under TWRFS in the country during last three years and the current year, state-wise including Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh is as under:-
State
2013-14 2014-15 2015-2016 2016-2017
(Till February)
Amount allocated and Utilized
(Rs. in lakh) No. of workers
benefited Amount allocated and Utilized
(Rs. in lakh) No. of workers
benefited Amount allocated and Utilized (Rs. in lakh) No. of workers
benefited Amount allocated and Utilized (Rs. in lakh) No. of workers
benefited
Gujarat 0.93 2 4.41 12 2.51 5 -- --
Maharashtra 12.66 31 32.31 89 1.95 4 0 --
Karnataka -- -- 6.88 39 2.88 7 0 0
Andhra Pradesh 109.45 273 56.56 356 7.55 55 0.13 1
Tamil Nadu 328.68 854 105.92 271 -- -- 0 0
Punjab 49.1 134 56.28 151 6.26 17 0.92 3
Telangana -- -- 15.62 56 36.87 91 5.87 15
Uttar Pradesh -- -- -- -- 119.43 558 54 263
Madhya Pradesh -- -- -- -- 0.49 1 438.9 1096
Bihar -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
Rajasthan -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
Total 500.82 1294 277.98 974 177.94 738 499.82 1378

(c): The Office of the Textile Commissioner has given wide publicity for the scheme across the country and has pursued with State Governments and mill unions/associations to cover more workers of closed eligible mills under the purview of TWRF Scheme.

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